

**Loudoun County, Virginia
Animal Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Purcellville Room, Gov't Center
Leesburg, VA 20176**

Date: April 22, 2015

Committee Members Present

Donna S. Lewis, At-Large
Dr. George Washington DVM, Blue Ridge
Michelle Zebrowski, Broad Run
Dr. Leslie Sinn DVM, Catoclin
Virginia Burgess, Leesburg
Joanne Dekker, Sterling

Committee Members Absent

Priscilla Saia, Algonkian
Martha Rice, Ashburn
Dr. Drew Luce DVM, Dulles

Members of Public: Lisa Walthers

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Adoption of Minutes: March 25, 2015 adopted as written

Public Comment: None

Director's Update – Charles Yudd (Assistant County Administrator)

Interim Plan – Interim period will be May into June and staff will continue with their normal duties. Recruitment posting is on line as of last Friday. Panel interviews with stake holders will be in late June.

CIP/Budget – March 18 approved for current site and CIP approved also (15 million in 16 & 17). Special exception is in the works now. Expected date to be before the BOS, November. No concerns for other uses for the site and have not raised other questions. Don't foresee any other problems since the last BOS vote was 7-2 in favor of this item. The committee would like to review the special exception and development of the RFP.

Directors Recruitment – 2 positions for ACO, 1 Animal Care technician in works.

Animal Control – Mark Stacks

Normal jumps in animal numbers. Junior Animal Control Officer Academy was held for 12 kids (12-14) was a success. Great feed back and one successful report turned in. Candidates from FB, local community web pages & Parks and Rec.

Public Relations & Animal Shelter – Amy Martin

Dog Wash at NOVA on April 11 (32 microchips / 25 licenses). Pets on Tour starts at Northgate Vineyards May 3rd. 28 venues scheduled so far this year – vineyards, farm markets, etc. One care tech started this month in pool position. PM Johnson Bennett coming May 15 (9-3 at Shelter) for feline discussion. May 8, Compassion Fatigue training, full day, shelter will be closed. Team Training Events, Dr. Young, offered services to come to Shelter. Stats are standard. Large poultry was result of cock fighting investigation (3 properties).

Subcommittee Reports

Animal Release Rates – None – Cat program is about to launch.

Ad hoc – Tethering – Currently in County Attorney review

Ad hoc – By-laws – None – Just revising to include remote access.

New Business - None

Unfinished Business - None

Informational Reports

Donna Lewis – Daughter fostered expectant dog that had 13 puppies.

Dr. George Washington – None

Michelle Zebrowski – had a baby boy (4 weeks now) and has taken two 10 year old foster cats for the shelter.

Leslie Sinn – Discussed the Dog Wash and ACO camp

Virginia Burgess – Shared a magazine that mentioned a dog park in Arlington. Used Helping Hands (non-profit) in Richmond for some expensive pet services.

Joanne Dekker – None

Adjournment 7:40 pm